

IN THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the original drawing sheets 1/23 – 21/23, containing FIGS. 1a-20, with the amended replacement drawing sheets 1/23 – 21/23, containing amended drawing FIGS. 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 6a, 7a, 9, 10c, and 18b, submitted herewith. Each drawing sheet is labeled in the top margin as “REPLACEMENT SHEET” pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121(d).

Attachments:

Replacement Sheets 1/23 – 21/23;

Copy of NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Notice, the Examiner identified several drawing informalities and deficiencies that required correction. Specifically, some of the drawing sheets were cut off at the bottom, making the figure labels for Figs. 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 6a, 7a, 9, and 10c incomplete. In addition, although it was not identified by the Examiner, the label for Fig. 18b was also cut off at the bottom. Therefore, each of figures 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 6a, 7a, 9, 10c, and 18b have been amended in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.121 to correct the identified informalities and to meet the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.84. Specifically, each of the drawing sheets 1/23 – 21/23 are being replaced (1) to provide clearer overall drawing sheets for the Examiner, and (2) so that the figures identified by the Examiner are complete and no longer cut off at the bottom.

No new matter has been added by way of the amendments to the drawings.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the drawings overcome the Examiner's identified drawing deficiencies and that the application remains in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions or to otherwise expedite prosecution, he is encouraged to call the undersigned at (312) 701-7818.

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